

[English]

Mineral Deposits in Sagar, M.P.5181. SHRI ANAND AHIWAR :
SHRI MOHAN

LALJHHIKRAM:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey on mineral deposits in Mandia Sagar Division in Madhya Pradesh was carried out by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the minerals deposits along with the details of their locations;

(c) whether iron-ore is found in Hirapur Sihahragh area of Sagar district;

(d) if so, the quantity and classification thereof; and

(e) whether there is a rich deposit of phosphate in the said area, if so, where this mineral is being exploited and is being mined daily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of survey and exploration carried out by various Government agencies recoverable reserves of 20.29 million tonnes of Dolomite, 12.41 million tonnes of Bauxite 0.117 million tonnes of Fullers Earth in Mandia district and 52.09 million tonnes of Limestone and 11.87 million tonnes of Rockphosphate in Sagar district have been established.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Geological Survey of India (GSI) have estimated as reserve of 18.66 million tonnes of Rock phosphate with 23% P_2O_5 million tonnes with 7-10% P_2O_5 in Hirapur-

Mardeora-Kachar sector of sagar and Chhatarpur districts. These deposits are being exploited by Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd.

[Translation]

Deposits of Gems in the Country

5182. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL :
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the places where the deposits of gems are found in the country;

(b) whether there has been a great loss of revenue as a result of illegal exploration of gems;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the total amount of revenue earned from the exploration of gems during the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Gem stones include precious stones, semi-precious stones and ornamental stones. Precious stones are mainly Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald. These stones are reported to occur in Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Bihar, Jammu-Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Orissa, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c). Sporadic incidents of clandestine mining of precious and semi-precious stones are reported from time to time in some parts of the Country. To stop such illegal mining Government of Orissa have enacted the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling and Other Unlawful Activities) Act, 1989 and have also notified appropriate Rules thereunder.

To fully exploit the gemstone occurrences in Orisa, assistance has been sought from UNDP in assessment of promising gem-

stones bearing areas and for setting up of Gem-stone Testing Laboratory for identification, testing and evaluation of different types of precious and semi-precious stones.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

TV Coverage of North-Eastern States

5183. **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA**
MADHUKAR:
SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA
WASNIK:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inadequate coverage and untimely telecast of English programmes over Doordarshan in the North-Eastern States, particularly in Mizoram and Nagaland,

(b) whether the programmes telecast from Bangladesh are viewed more than Doordarshan programmes by the people of these states; and

(c) the measures the Government propose to take for increasing the coverage and to telecast better programmes.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) TV service is at present available to an estimated 79% population of North-Eastern region including those living in fringe service areas where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining satisfactory reception. Doordarshan telecast a number of English programmes on various subjects from morning to late evening which are well received in all parts of North-eastern states.

(b) No specific survey has been undertaken to find out the extent of viewing of Doordarshan programmes, vis-a-vis

Bangladesh TV programmes in the North-Eastern States including the tribal states of Mizoram and Nagaland. However, a recent sample survey done in Guwahati of Assam reveals that more than 75% of TV viewers watch National programmes of Doordarshan beamed from 8.40 PM onwards.

(c) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to extent TV coverage to the uncovered parts of the country in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources and to present quality programmes to the viewers. Besides 11 TV transmitter projects are presently under various stages of implementation in the North-Eastern States aimed at increasing Doordarshan's coverage in the region.

Assistance for Setting up Information Centres and Theatres

5184. **SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:**
 Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated as special assistance for setting up information centres and theatres in the States during the last three years;

(b) the details of schemes and the amount provided for the setting up of those centres in Rajasthan during the said period;

(c) whether any amount was allocated to Tonk district for the construction of information centre in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) No amount was allocated as special assistance for setting up of Information centres and theatres in the States. However, National Films Development Corporation (NFDC), a public sector undertaking in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting under a scheme for financing Cinema theatres all over the country, earmarked following amounts for theatre construction.